

Response to Office Action of  
April 17, 2006

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**MAIL STOP – AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Amendment and Response  
To United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**I. Introduction**

Applicants' *Amendment and Response* is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action ("Action") mailed April 17, 2006. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months, *i.e.*, until July 17, 2006. With the filing of this Response, Applicants have also filed a Petition for an Extension of Time of one month (to August 17, 2006) to file the *Amendment and Response*. Accordingly, the filing of Applicants' *Amendment and Response* on August 17, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is timely.